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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

WILLIAM R. NICHOLSON, RN License #26N515016800 CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that William R. Nicholson ("Respondent") violated a Consent Order filed on January 22, 2015 requiring his enrollment and participation in the Board's designated intervention program, the Recovery and Monitoring Program ("RAMP"). In or around February 2016, Respondent withdrew from the program, indicated that he wished to voluntarily surrender his license to practice nursing, and subsequently allowed his license to expire as of

May 31, 2016.

The Board finds that continued cessation of practice is appropriate and that testing, monitoring, evaluation, and treatment are warranted as a condition for reinstated licensure to evaluate whether Respondent's continued practice may jeopardize the safety and welfare of the public pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(f) and to ensure that Respondent can properly discharge nursing functions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22(e).

The Board having reviewed this matter, the parties desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings, Respondent having waived any right to a hearing, the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this St day of to the complex, 2016
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

Respondent hereby voluntarily surrenders his license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey. Respondent shall not hereafter apply for reinstatement of license unless and until Respondent can demonstrate fitness and competency to practice nursing, has undergone a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation under the auspices of RAMP, followed the recommendations of the evaluator and RAMP, gained RAMP's support for reinstatement, and has met all other

requirements for reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and consent to the entry and reporting of the Order as a matter of public record.

William R. Nicholson, RN

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